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## Separate Curling Club? Make Decision Tonight

In response to inquiries, a committee has sought information on the acquiring of separate curling facilities in Acton. Their reports will be presented tonight (Thursday) at a general meeting in the community centre.

It's felt that out of a membership of 175, at least 100 should be at the meeting to approve building separate facilities before the club executive would consider going ahead. Necessity of having a good turnout has been stressed in letters sent out to all members. If there is not a definite majority in favor, the project will be shelved for the time being.

The executive of the curling club is not "promoting" a separate club, president Chester Anderson pointed out. The investigation was in response to requests from club members for more facilities.

Committee named to investigate included Claude Cook, Lorne Youngblut, Ted Tyler Sr. and Bill MacKay. They will be reporting what they have learned as

a result of contacts with other rinks and various inquiries.

Three alternative financing plans will be outlined. A proposed operating budget has been prepared.

### Yardcast Opinion

In Milton — which has a population of 6,200 compared to Acton's 4,354 — a \$90,000 curling rink was assured last week. Local promoters reported good response, but the project of a rink has been shelved previously there.

There is not any curling at all in Milton now, and some Milton curlers have joined the Acton club.

The new four-dome, artificial ice rink with lounge, lockers and kitchenette facilities will be built on property north of the Brewers' Retail store by the C.P.R. tracks.

Membership is limited to 200 men paying a basic \$150 initiation fee. Women join later as playing members. Construction of the building is expected to be completed by October, 1964.



"TOP O' THE MORNIN' TO YE!" was the greeting Irish-bor-barber Sam Holmes gave to his customers Tuesday, March 17. Mr. Holmes was born in Bally Money near Belfast and has been barbering for the past 51 years. He came to Canada in 1929 and after working on a farm for one year went back to his old trade. He moved to Acton in 1950 with his wife. He has six married children, 13 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Tuesday morning he appeared at work with his hair dyed Paddy green, wearing a bowler hat, an Irish linen kerchief around his neck and smoking a clay pipe. He claims he's as Irish as "Paddy's pig" and there's no denying it.

## \$375 Grant Per Pupil Granted for Retarded

Grants of \$375.00 per pupil for students in the county's retarded children schools have been included in the preliminary draft of the county's 1964 budget, which will get detailed consideration at a special meeting next week.

The county presently has 72 pupils attending the three schools for retarded children in the county and the deficits shown in their 1963 budgets amount to \$27,065.

Under the proposal the Sunshine School at Hornby would receive \$9,835; the Mayfield School in Burlington would receive \$9,150 and the Mayfield School in Oakville would receive \$8,080.

### Budget Later

The grants would be made on the understanding that any amount provided by provincial legislation above that now being paid in the county grant in succeeding years.

Dr. C. A. Martin, speaking on the proposed grants for 1964, noted this would replace grants now being paid at the municipal level.

## Wooden Signs to Designate Hydro's School Appliances

Electrical appliances donated to both the Robert Little public school and Acton District High school home economics rooms by Acton Hydro will soon be identified with smart signs.

Thursday evening of last week, commissioners approved the purchase of four wooden lettered signs made by Bud Kentner at a cost of \$3 each. Mr. Kentner was present at the meeting with a sample sign which met the approval of members.

It was learned from Ontario Hydro the local commission had

a credit amounting to \$4,144.99 which will be handed back from Ontario Hydro. Preliminary approval was given for the local commission to invest \$10,000 in Canada treasury notes.

Following a request from the Loyal Orange Lodge 467, members agreed to take a full page advertisement in a souvenir book for the district convention in Acton, July 11.

Secretary-treasurer Mrs. Audrey Urquhart informed members the bank balance to the end of February amounted to \$22,480.21.

Commissaries received complimentary tickets for the National Game Show.

A letter of appreciation was received from principal G. W. McKenzie of the Robert Little school for the trophy donated by the Hydro for the school public speaking contest.

Hydro superintendent Doug Mason reported the G.M.C. truck had been repaired and the Ford pickup truck is expected to be done shortly. He was instructed to have the trucks lettered with the (Continued on Page Seven)

## Georgetown Tops Rivals Saturday Wins Four-Town Hockey Tourney

Georgetown's larger and heavier Novice, Pee Wee and Bantam teams made a clean sweep of the third annual Four Town Hockey Tournament in Acton Community Centre Saturday morning and afternoon, blanking all their opponents in the finals to boot.

Two Acton teams made it to the finals in the novice and pee wee divisions.

### Best Ever

Probably the most successful hockey tournament ever staged in Acton, almost 300 boys ranging in age from 8-14, played nine games of exciting hockey before the champions were declared. It was the first time in the tournament's three seasons that one town took home all the laurels.

Teams from Fergus, Milton, Georgetown and Acton participate with the events shifting to a different town each year. This season, Acton's turn, the event was jointly sponsored by the Legion Minor Hockey Executive and the Acton Minor Hockey Association.

Many fans from both organizations were pleased with the response of the public to the tourney and both benefitted from the financial proceeds which go towards furthering minor hockey in Acton. Crowds ranging anywhere from 300 to 700 fans came and went all day.

The Georgetown clubs, clutching their trophies, paraded around the ice at the tourney's finish headed by the Acton citizens' Band. The jubilant Georgetown contingent even took home the door prize with Mrs. Jessie Hayes of Georgetown holding the lucky ticket.

Four transistor radios were also awarded to the boy in each town who sold the most tickets for the event. Rick Walker of Georgetown, Doug Gates of Milton, Jim Self of Fergus and Michael Pope of Acton were the winners.

The novices started the tourney off at 4 a.m. Georgetown edging Milton 4-2. In the second game

whichever one in during the second stanza for the winning margin. Doug Morley, B. Ferguson and E. Perry bagged the Milton goals while G. Kelly posted both Acton goals assisted by 'Stew McCullough in the first and Michael Marcoux and Brian Dunn in the second.

Georgetown whopped Fergus 8-1 in the second game of the bantam series. The score stayed close for a period but Georgetown rapped in four in the second, to the Fergus one and added three in the third for the lopsided victory. P. Hayes rattled in a pair for Georgetown, G. Ferguson, R. Magorson, D. Carter, B. Arnold, P. Mover and B. Shorill drilled singles.

### Shutouts

A large contingent of fans were on hand for the final game between Milton and Georgetown. The Georgetown club finished out the string of shutouts in the finals with a 3-0 victory and their third trophy of the day.

Harry Shortill, Bert Arnold and Jim McMillan each fired a goal for the victors with S. Dolly recording the shutout.

Following is a list of the Acton teams:

Novice: J. Jordan, G. McLennan, J. Snow, B. Irwin, G. McPhail, S. McIntyre, G. Taylor, G. Masters, R. Loutitt, H. Lawson, H. Forbes, R. Weidman, D. Fisher, S. Armstrong, R. Coker.

Pee Wee: J. Peveha, D. Death, M. Kowall, B. Given, B. Sampson, P. Braida, G. Welden, G. Gidden, H. O'Rourke, L. Drysdale, W. Deforest, C. Stewart, C. Snow, S. Garrett, B. Binnie, Drysdale, S. Garrett, L. Hill.

Bantam: D. Scott, F. Barnes, B. Dunn, M. Miller, L. Gordon, H. Oshirich, J. Shaver, G. Kelly, D. Dick, R. Hibbard, M. Mureaux, C. Perkins, D. Watson, S. McCullough, B. Robinson, Cook.

Time keeper for all the games were Ed Phillips and Bill Knight. Referees were:



NOT CHAMPS but interested spectators at the Four Town hockey tournament Saturday, two girls look over trophies presented to winning teams as project chairman Bob Loutitt explains details. Left to right are Jane Stenritt, Mr. Loutitt and Susan Fisher.

## Town Approach to Get "New Look" Widen Highway, Brighten Streets

Queen St. East and Young Street are scheduled to be widened under the Department of Highways plans this summer. Council learned this Tuesday in correspondence from the Department that it is understood Queen St. work will be paid entirely by the department and 90 per cent of the Young St. cost will be borne by the Department with the town paying 10 per cent under the connecting link agreement.

A street lighting program will also be undertaken by the town at the time highway widening takes place. No. 2 committee was instructed to continue with an agreement for the work with the Department and before

work begins approval will be given by council. A by-law was approved to engage Guelph City Ambulance for another three-year term. During a recent committee meeting, proprietor Vernon Dague asked for an increased rate as he lost money on the operation during the last three years. Council agreed to a \$400 increase, bringing the three-year service up to \$7,200.

Users of the service will pay the following rates: Acton to Guelph, Acton to Georgetown and Acton to Milton, \$20 to each place; Acton to Toronto, Acton to Hamilton, Acton to Kitchener and Guelph to Toronto at the rate of \$45 per call. It was also noted in the by-law only doctors, police or the clerk treasurer of the town are eligible to call the ambulance.

### Clean Up Lake

Council will request the Credit Valley Conservation Authority to spray Fairy Lake in hopes of ridding the water of weeds. This action was adopted Tuesday evening following a recommendation from Parks Board.

It was learned the spray would be effective for seven to eight years and a large share of the cost would be borne by the Authority with the town paying the balance. It is hoped the spraying will provide better swimming and boating facilities as well as eliminate the unsightly condition which exists every year during the summer.

During the No. 2 committee report it was learned Beardmore and Co. Ltd. had started using water from the south spring February 24 after installation of a special water line. Earlier, council and Beardmore officials signed a 10-year agreement allowing the company to purchase the water from the abandoned spring.

Council agreed to purchase the old ladder truck from the Hydro Commission at a cost of \$100. It is the intention of council to dismantle the ladder and power which will be used on other town trucks.

Acton will receive increased dog control immediately. Tuesday night it was agreed to increase the cost of operation to the dog control officer in order to obtain additional daylight patrols of the town.

Permission was granted to the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary to hold a draw at their fall bazaar. Council also:

• Agreed to sponsor a single page advertisement in the I.O.L. souvenir program.

• Proclaimed April 12 to April 18 "Chamber of Commerce Week".

## Council Chambers Chilly Some Discussions Heated

Foot warmers would have been in order Tuesday evening as Acton council members shivered in the council chambers in spite of the thermostat set in the 80's. Cold winter winds managed to creep into the room through a series of cracks in the window frames and sills.

Councillor Alec Johnson wondered if a "caulking job" might be in order. He was told spring was just around the corner but it was a good thought for the fall.

### Procedure

In spite of the cold atmosphere, members conducted a mildly heated discussion on parliamentary procedure when one member was of the opinion No. 2 committee might be stepping a little out of line in committing the entire council to an agreement. When the committee meeting minutes were read, it appeared committee members might be ready to con-

clude a business agreement with a local industry for water services.

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## Oldest Present Receive Gifts Special Dinner Held by U.C.W.

An innovation at the United Church was a dinner and program Tuesday for senior members and shut-ins of the congregation. The special event was sponsored by the U.C.W. and the executive catered for the turkey dinner.

Forty men and women were served their dinner and 15 more dinners were sent out to shut-ins. Mrs. Alfred Long organized the evening which was much enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cleave, who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary later this month, received a hyacinth which was presented to an agreement. When the committee meeting minutes were read, it appeared committee members might be ready to con-

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### Budget Day

Acton's mill rate will be struck on April Fool's Day! Next week's council meeting is cancelled, replaced by committee meetings to prepare budget estimates. Then a special meeting of council will be held Wednesday evening, April 1, to approve the budget and strike the rate.

## Guy Ross Heads Y's Men's Slate

New officers were named at the Y's Men's club meeting last Thursday evening. New president is Guy Ross, replacing Walter Dubois who now acts as vice-president; treasurer Bob Currie, secretary Gary Bateman and directors Earl Marley and Harry Arbie. They will be installed next Thursday by the International president G. W. McKenzie.

An address was given by Mrs. Currie of Guelph wife of one of the members, on the Canadian Save the Children Fund. She showed slides of work in Korea, Greece and other countries.

## Spray Weeds in Fairy Lake Ask Re-Stocking with Bass

Weeds in Fairy Lake will be in for a rough time this summer after the Credit Valley Conservation Authority workmen spray the lake to kill weeds.

Acton Parks Board during a meeting Monday agreed to request town council to apply to the Authority to have the spraying done. Tuesday evening at council a resolution to make the request was passed unanimously.

Board members agreed to check with the department of Lands and Forests officials to make sure fish in the lake would not be killed by the spray and request

the lake be restocked with bass. It was agreed to submit the board's budget amounting to \$4,574.20 for operating costs for 1964-65 season.

### Senior Citizens

The organization meeting for the Senior Citizens' club is tonight (Thursday) in the Y.M.C.A. and members of the sponsoring Women's Institute, with recreation director Jim Cashman, will welcome everyone over all, whether they received an invitation or not.



WEED POSTER CONTEST winners in Acton all attend the M. Z. Bennett public school. Wednesday morning they received their prizes from deputy-raeve J. Bert Wood on behalf of county council and weed inspector V. McArthur. Left to right are Laurie Chisholm who was second, Beyerley Brunelle, first; Mr. Wood and Bob Andrews, third.